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1 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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3 In Re: TERRORIST ATTACKS ON  
3 SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

03 MDL 1570 (GBD)

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7 Before:

8 HON. FRANK MAAS

Magistrate Judge

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1 (Case called)

2 THE COURT: Good afternoon everyone. Sorry we are  
3 starting late. I guess we had some phone issues.

4 One of the motions that is pending before me relates  
5 to Pete Seda. I plan to resolve that motion shortly, but I had  
6 some factual questions that I want to make sure I'm accurate in  
7 my understanding in what I recite.

8 As to the documents that were seized pursuant to a  
9 search warrant, it's not clear to me whether those were seized  
10 from Mr. Seda's residence, from AHIF USA, or both.

11 MR. KABAT: You mean the documents that came from Al  
12 Haramain's law firm?

13 THE COURT: They were documents you say you can't turn  
14 over because they were returned to Mr. Seda by the government,  
15 and under the Federal Defenders' understanding of the  
16 magistrate judge's order in Oregon, those documents can't be  
17 produced. Those documents, as I understand it, were seized  
18 pursuant to a search warrant from somewhere. I just don't know  
19 where somewhere is.

20 MR. KABAT: From where Al Haramain is headquartered,  
21 which is also where Mr. Seda lives.

22 THE COURT: So the office was his house?

23 MR. KABAT: He lived in the office. Al Haramain owned  
24 the building where he lived.

25 THE COURT: Fair enough. That answers one of my

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1 questions. Then were the documents returned to him before  
2 trial, do you know?

3 MR. KABAT: Yes. They were turned over according to  
4 the Rule 16 protective order, that is, after Mr. Seda returned  
5 to this country and before the trial.

6 THE COURT: So once the magistrate judge signed the  
7 protective order, then the documents were returned?

8 MR. KABAT: I believe that's the correct timing.

9 THE COURT: I should be able to determine this from  
10 the docket sheet. I assume that the charges against AHIF USA  
11 were dismissed prior to trial, correct?

12 MR. KABAT: Correct.

13 THE COURT: I think that's all I wanted to clear up  
14 with regard to Mr. Seda.

15 I have the letters that have been submitted with  
16 regard to various sanctions applications. I also have the  
17 binder that the plaintiff sent me relating to their October  
18 17th motion regarding Wa'el Jalaidan. There are a number of  
19 other groups of exhibits that relate to the MWL/IIRO and Wa'el  
20 Jalaidan motions that have been submitted that I don't have.  
21 I'm not quite sure what the explanation for that is.

22 In some instances I think I have a reasonable  
23 understanding of what the information is. For example, in the  
24 affidavits of Mr. al-Radhi and Mr. al-Mujeel and others that  
25 Mr. McMahon submitted, I don't have the affidavits themselves.

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1 I'm not sure what the explanation is, whether it never got sent  
2 to me, whether it ended up in Judge Daniels' chambers. They  
3 recarpeted my chambers and moved me in and out, so I may be to  
4 blame. But I will need copies of the binders other than the  
5 October 17th motion binder of exhibits sent to me in relation  
6 to these motions.

7 That raises in my mind the related question of  
8 whether, going forward, to the extent that there were motions  
9 similar to these, they should be done on formal motion papers  
10 rather than letter motions.

11 MR. CARTER: Your Honor, we had raised at various  
12 times the notion that certain of these motions should probably  
13 be docketed just to preserve the record.

14 THE COURT: Sure, the letters certainly would be  
15 docketed or should be docketed. You're basically saying toss  
16 the answer, for example, of MWL/IIRO and put them in a  
17 circumstance where a default judgment would be entered  
18 eventually. That's fairly significant relief. It seems odd to  
19 be doing it on a letter application, although the letter  
20 application is single space is probably longer than a  
21 double-spaced set of motion papers would be.

22 I'm trying to think through, since conceivably there  
23 will be a lot more motion practice as we go forward, whether  
24 for motions like this it makes sense to proceed by letter or  
25 formal motion papers or you don't care.

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1 MR. CARTER: Your Honor, I don't think that we care.  
2 It harkens back to one of the original case orders that  
3 requires that all original discovery motions be done by letter,  
4 if my recollection is correct. We have just adhered to that  
5 practice.

6 THE COURT: Unless somebody on the defense side has a  
7 different view, I'm content to go forward that way. It just  
8 occurred to me that might account for some of the problem I had  
9 in terms of some of the exhibits, although I hadn't had that  
10 problem in the past.

11 MR. McMAHON: Your Honor, this is Mr. McMahon. I  
12 would prefer for you to decide. I want to get clarified in my  
13 mind, we owe you copies of all affidavits that we served with  
14 our opposition letter for the motion for sanctions, is that it?

15 THE COURT: Yes, exactly.

16 MR. McMAHON: On Wa'el Jalaidan we filed a memorandum  
17 letter opposition as well as an affidavit. Do you have that?

18 THE COURT: Let me tell you what I have. I have your  
19 September 26th letter relating to MWL and IIRO, and it says,  
20 "In addition to the exhibits referenced herein, attached are."  
21 The "attached are" part I'm missing.

22 On the plaintiffs' side I have the affirmation of  
23 Scott Tarbutton dated October 14, 2011, annexing three  
24 exhibits. In relation to your letter about Wa'el Jalaidan, if  
25 the only attachment is his affidavit, I have that. Is it

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1 correct, Mr. McMahon, that that is the only affidavit?

2 MR. McMAHON: I believe that's the case, your Honor.

3 THE COURT: I missed that. I guess all I'm missing is  
4 the affidavits that relate to your opposition relating to MWL  
5 and IIRO.

6 MR. McMAHON: The 9/26 letter exhibits, yes.

7 THE COURT: Yes.

8 MR. McMAHON: What is the best way, your Honor, to get  
9 you physical possession of those? FedEx them to your chambers?

10 THE COURT: Exactly.

11 MR. CARTER: Your Honor, for clarification on our end,  
12 these are the exhibits that were submitted in support of the  
13 motion for sanctions as to the Muslim World and IIRO. Does the  
14 Court have something approximating this?

15 THE COURT: Yes. Because of its impressive girth, I  
16 didn't bring it upstairs today.

17 MR. CARTER: That's why I made Mr. Tarbutton carry it.

18 THE COURT: Turning to MWL and IIRO, one of the things  
19 Mr. McMahon says in his papers is that he has 12,000 pages of  
20 exhibits, possibly more, kicking around his office that you and  
21 your colleagues have declined to come look at.

22 MR. CARTER: Your Honor, we received notification of  
23 the existence of those documents on the very day we were filing  
24 the motion for sanctions. We were very reluctant to continue  
25 to embrace a moving target relative to what had been produced

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1 and what had not been produced.

2 We simply asked Mr. McMahon to brief the dispute on  
3 the record that existed as of the deadline that the Court had  
4 set and hold those documents to the extent the Court declined  
5 to place his clients in default. Obviously, our papers take  
6 the position that that universe of documents still doesn't  
7 represent anything nearly close to compliance with the Court's  
8 orders.

9 THE COURT: Just so I'm clear, and I know I've asked  
10 this question before, from the plaintiffs' perspective what is  
11 the relationship between MWL and IIRO?

12 MR. CARTER: The Muslim World League is, for lack of a  
13 better term, the parent of the IIRO. The Muslim World League  
14 established the IIRO in, if I remember correctly, 1978  
15 primarily to serve as an operational arm so that the Muslim  
16 World would set broad policies and the IIRO would carry out  
17 operational activities that served those general policy  
18 interests. Although, we have seen in many instances that the  
19 Muslim World League also maintains operational presences and  
20 carries out operations on its own.

21 THE COURT: Mr. McMahon, I'm not wholly clear on what  
22 your present position is as to the extent to which the parent  
23 organization or organizations, in the plural, control the  
24 branches. I saw some reference to certain branches being  
25 within the control of the central agency, but I thought I saw

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1 another one that essentially conceded that all of the branches  
2 are under the control of the parent organizations. Let me get  
3 from you what your position is to that.

4 MR. McMAHON: Yes, your Honor. I want to get back to  
5 the 12,000 pages. For your information, your Honor, we took  
6 the time to put those on CD's, and they are ready to go if Mr.  
7 Carter wants those.

8 With respect to your pertinent question here, they are  
9 separate entities. There may be certain parts of the globe  
10 where there is an MWL office and an IIRO office, but they are  
11 separate entities, have separate charters. We don't deem IIRO  
12 to be a subsidiary of the MWL.

13 THE COURT: I'm asking a slightly different question.  
14 For IIRO, for example, to the extent that the plaintiffs are  
15 seeking documents from branch offices, what is your position as  
16 to the IIRO's ability to secure documents from the Indonesian  
17 branch, the London branch, etc.? Is it branch-specific or do  
18 you concede that all of the branches, in terms of document  
19 flow, are within the control of the parent?

20 MR. McMAHON: No, your Honor, we don't concede that.  
21 We would look to IIRO for the different office records in terms  
22 of a particular branch, like the Philippines, which the  
23 plaintiffs are very interested in. At one point I think the  
24 MWL had presence there, but IIRO has whatever records IIRO it  
25 has.

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1           If the Court orders, I don't know what MWL records  
2 exist for the Philippines, because if there was an operational  
3 arm there at some juncture, I thought it was IIRO. I would  
4 think, your Honor, that you look to the IIRO branch. Your  
5 Honor, I only did due diligence in the sense that I did it at  
6 six or seven of the offices. I don't want you to think that I  
7 traveled the globe and visited every one of those offices. I  
8 haven't.

9           MR. CARTER: Your Honor, I think there is a fair  
10 degree of specificity within the actual filings concerning the  
11 relationship between the headquarters of the IIRO and various  
12 branch offices.

13          THE COURT: When you say the filings, do you mean the  
14 letter briefing that I have?

15          MR. CARTER: Yes, for the sanctions. They make clear  
16 that it is a highly centralized organization, that none of the  
17 branch offices engage in any activity from the hiring of an  
18 employee, to the opening of a bank account, to the issuance of  
19 a check to a potential payee without authorization of the  
20 headquarters. There are controls in place requiring those  
21 branch offices to turn documents back to the headquarters on a  
22 routine basis.

23          We even see as a practical matter in the course of  
24 this litigation Mr. al-Radhi mentions that, among other things,  
25 he went to Indonesia at one point and the Indonesian office was

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1 directed to give him anything he wanted. The same is true for  
2 the Muslim World League, and we think that the papers lay that  
3 out. It's their own documents.

4 THE COURT: I understand your position. I just wanted  
5 to understand Mr. McMahon's. I'm not sure I fully understand  
6 it now. I think perhaps the better way to approach this is to  
7 look at some specific requests.

8 The April 12th order, for the moment focusing on the  
9 first request, asked for annual, semiannual, and other periodic  
10 financial reports of the two organizations, including branch  
11 offices, including a number of specified documents. Let's  
12 focus on financial reports.

13 I understand that your position, Mr. McMahon, is  
14 periodic reports would be submitted, they'd be consolidated  
15 into an annual report, and then the periodic reports would not  
16 be retained. Do I have that right?

17 MR. McMAHON: Yes, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: I assume what you are telling me when you  
19 say that is that IIRO central, for example, in Saudi Arabia,  
20 would not keep the periodic reports once it had an annual  
21 report.

22 MR. McMAHON: Right, your Honor. I think I addressed  
23 that on page 13 of our letter opposition response, branch  
24 office reporting, number 5.

25 THE COURT: It's a little hard to understand, if some  
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1 of these organizations have a thousand or thousands of  
2 employees, how 12,000 pages, even if it's all financial  
3 records, would be all the financial records, quarterly, etc.,  
4 that relate to all of these branches for a multiyear period.  
5 Are you representing that in response to this first category  
6 somebody, Mr. al-Radhi or somebody else, on behalf of IIRO  
7 queried every branch office to secure the documents that  
8 plaintiffs have requested?

9 MR. McMAHON: Your Honor, I believe that's the case.  
10 I will have to go back and check his affidavit. As I said at  
11 page 13 paragraph 5, these documents were apparently sent to  
12 counsel's office.

13 THE COURT: Just to avoid the game of chicken, I'm  
14 going to direct that you provide that CD to plaintiffs' counsel  
15 and also that plaintiffs' counsel review it.

16 MR. McMAHON: There are 12 CD's.

17 THE COURT: Like I said, the 12 CD's. I don't want to  
18 leave anybody in suspense. It's not my intent at the end of  
19 today to grant or recommend -- I think it would be a grant,  
20 since this is a discovery issue -- dispositive relief in terms  
21 of something like striking the answer of any of these  
22 defendants. But I do think, unless I'm convinced otherwise, we  
23 may be heading in that direction.

24 MR. McMAHON: Does your Honor have a viewpoint on the  
25 bank documents we have, which are difficult to read? I asked

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1 Mr. Cater to send somebody down here to look at these. We  
2 inquired of the bank about a digital format, but that may be  
3 months away. I simply suggest to send somebody down to look at  
4 the bank records.

5 THE COURT: I didn't go back through prior  
6 transcripts, but I thought that there was a representation at  
7 some prior session that there was no digital version of this.  
8 Maybe the representation was just that there was no digital  
9 file at these defendants' offices.

10 MR. McMAHON: I think at that time, your Honor, we  
11 didn't have total definition on this issue. But subsequently,  
12 in conference with the bank of Mr. al-Radhi, we discovered that  
13 there is a hardcopy, and if they are to have access to the  
14 digital records, that would take an enormous amount of time. I  
15 know I referenced that somewhere that that is something that is  
16 still --

17 THE COURT: You say it would take I guess it was at  
18 least six months. One of the things that plaintiffs pointed  
19 out was the letter request seeking these documents, I guess  
20 from just one bank, was dated August 15th, which hardly  
21 suggests that the defendants are proceeding with dispatch.

22 MR. McMAHON: Your Honor, I addressed this in point 4  
23 on page 13, right before 5. I just want to know what to do  
24 with these records, because we do have them. I want you to  
25 know that I made the offer to come and visit and see if they

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1 can read these banking records if they so terribly want them.  
2 I can't be more definite on what is in here regarding any  
3 digital version.

4 MR. CARTER: Your Honor, my recollection of this is  
5 that we were initially told that this was an old dot matrix  
6 printout of some banking records and that there were no digital  
7 files that could ever be identified. When we interviewed Mr.  
8 al-Radhi at Mr. McMahon's request, what he told us is that  
9 these were banking records that were printed out by their banks  
10 during the course of this litigation. That prompted an inquiry  
11 from us.

12 If that is the case, then digital files have existed  
13 during the course of this litigation. Has anyone gone and  
14 asked them to print it again so that we can have a legible copy  
15 or to give us the digital files? Mr. al-Radhi said we've never  
16 asked them.

17 So, the first representation was that we've had  
18 checked, it doesn't exist. The second representation is no one  
19 ever asked. It's just difficult for us to figure out what the  
20 actual playing field is.

21 THE COURT: It seems to me that there is an obligation  
22 to produce records not just in the possession of a party but  
23 those that are in their custody or control. To the extent that  
24 there are electronic records or files that are available from  
25 the banks, those have to be requested in a timely fashion and

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1 produced.

2 It also seems to me that the request, unless Mr.  
3 Carter tells me otherwise, extends to each branch of the  
4 organization. And to the extent that there are nonduplicative  
5 files in the branches, those have to be produced, whether it's  
6 burdensome or not.

7 This whole case is about money being diverted toward  
8 terrorist goals. As I understand it, the lion's share of the  
9 effort is to see where money went. So the notion that this is  
10 a lot of paper or bytes of information and therefore  
11 burdensome, Mr. McMahon, doesn't really resonate to be me.

12 MR. McMAHON: OK, your Honor. I went back and tried  
13 to find the reference to the banking records. That's in  
14 paragraph 22, I guess, of Mr. al-Radhi's affidavit. My team  
15 has also inquired of the al-Radhi bank if they have a digital  
16 record of financial banking transactions, and they have stated  
17 such inquiries should be requested to the head office and it  
18 might take six months, and we are in the process of doing that  
19 accordingly.

20 THE COURT: I assume if you had a large number of  
21 branches, there is also a fairly large number of banks. What  
22 is required here is not one request to one bank but, to the  
23 extent that records don't exist in the branches themselves,  
24 many requests to many banks.

25 While I said that I'm certainly at this stage not

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1 going to grant dispositive sanctions, at some point Mr.  
2 al-Radhi or somebody else, as a 30(b)(6) witness, is going to  
3 testify as to the efforts that these defendants made in  
4 response to these requests.

5 Except to the extent that the two sides can agree that  
6 some branch office is not relevant, if each branch office is  
7 not queried and the documents from that branch produced, as far  
8 as I'm concerned that will have been an inadequate search and  
9 may lead to dispositive sanctions.

10 MR. McMAHON: I hear and appreciate that, your Honor.

11 MR. CARTER: Your Honor, we focused a lot during the  
12 discussion today on the financial records and bank statements,  
13 but there were a number of other categories.

14 THE COURT: I had written down, just on the April 12th  
15 order, I was going to focus on 1, 3, 4, 6, and 8. We don't  
16 have time to go through each one. I know 2 is important to  
17 you, but you seemed to get a list of orphans, so I skipped that  
18 one.

19 3 relates to the annual constituent council meetings  
20 where it would appear that there should be centrally located  
21 files. To the extent that there is something from the  
22 Philippines' office, as an example, that the main office  
23 doesn't have, if the Philippines office has it, it needs to be  
24 produced from that office.

25 I guess 4 is similar, although I would imagine Mr.

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1 McMahon is going to tell me that some of this is among the  
2 12,000 documents that he has for your review.

3 MR. McMAHON: Yes, your Honor.

4 MR. CARTER: Your Honor, with regard to category 2,  
5 for instance, I know that it's been the defendants' response to  
6 that to produce orphan records.

7 THE COURT: I thought we had agreed that it's  
8 everything but orphans.

9 MR. KREINDLER: It is everything but orphans. One of  
10 the reasons that we want clarification on this issue is because  
11 it is about the identity of the parties to whom they  
12 transferred money. The orphans aren't of interest, but some of  
13 the organizations that received money are.

14 MR. McMAHON: As I'm sure you read, your Honor, 50  
15 percent of IIRO's annual expenses go to these orphans.

16 THE COURT: You don't have to segregate out orphans.  
17 That's the plaintiffs' problem. But telling me about widows  
18 and orphans doesn't really resolve the problem of producing  
19 complete records that relate to who received aid during the  
20 years we're talking about from either of the two defendants.

21 MR. McMAHON: Every entity that receives any kind of  
22 aid has to be identified?

23 THE COURT: Correct.

24 Talk for a moment about audits. It seems to me the  
25 defendants will not have done their job as to audits unless

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1 they have searched their own records to make sure that if they  
2 have retained copies of audit reports and the documents that  
3 underlie the audit reports -- I guess the first of those is  
4 more likely than the second -- that that be produced. Saying,  
5 well, we'll contact the auditor and see whether they will give  
6 it to us if a copy of the audit report is sitting in IIRO's  
7 office doesn't cut it, as far as I'm concerned.

8 MR. McMAHON: I hear your Honor. You want any and all  
9 records produced that are still in the possession or control of  
10 the charities that in any way supported the audit.

11 THE COURT: Or that are the audit, yes.

12 MR. McMAHON: OK.

13 THE COURT: Whether that is found in Saudi Arabia or  
14 in the Philippines office doesn't much matter. Somebody, Mr.  
15 al-Radhi or somebody else, in an organized way has to query all  
16 of these offices and be in a position to say what was done to  
17 follow up, and you really need to document the process.

18 As an example, in the April 26th order there was a  
19 requirement that records that relate to Mr. al-Mujeel be  
20 produced. There is a representation that the Indonesian office  
21 was checked, but I gather he worked in the eastern province  
22 office. It would be a little like reviewing the files of the  
23 Southern District for an Eastern District of New York case.  
24 That doesn't seem to be terribly helpful or likely to adduce  
25 responsive documents.

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1 MR. McMAHON: I understand, your Honor. Thank you.

2 THE COURT: I know you understand. I thought I was  
3 reasonably clear about this in our prior conferences. We don't  
4 seem to be moving forward. Perhaps it is that we never will  
5 and that the plaintiffs' motion ultimately will be granted.  
6 Even though you have been to Saudi Arabia, it sounds like folks  
7 don't understand what their duties are.

8 For example, saying that somebody has contracted to  
9 have a further audit of records to my mind is somewhat  
10 inexplicable in that the plaintiffs don't want audit documents  
11 created now, they want preexisting financial records and  
12 audits. It's interesting, I suppose, that perhaps as part of  
13 your defense somebody is doing an audit, but it really doesn't  
14 relate at all, as far as I'm concerned, to document discovery  
15 in this case.

16 Let me jump ahead a little. At some point Mr. McMahon  
17 will tell me that these organizations have produced all of the  
18 records they have and I have indicated that I think it is going  
19 to be appropriate to test that through a deposition of one or  
20 more 30(b)(6) witnesses. Where will a deposition like that  
21 take place?

22 MR. McMAHON: Your Honor, perhaps we can answer that.  
23 We can very easily arrange to have that done in London.

24 THE COURT: That may be the answer.

25 MR. McMAHON: I think they even have a London office,  
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1 one of these law firms.

2 THE COURT: Looking at the number of people in the  
3 courtroom, I'm sure one of these law firms has a London office  
4 or can find a room at Heathrow.

5 In terms of the indices, I agree that the  
6 responsibility of producing documents can't be shifted from the  
7 defendants to the plaintiffs, but I'm not sure that the  
8 plaintiffs have really looked through the indices to see  
9 whether there are categories of documents that can be excluded  
10 or focused on or prioritized or whatever.

11 MR. CARTER: Your Honor, as I've said, we have had  
12 people go through the hundred or so thousand cells within the  
13 spreadsheet. There really is not enough in a descriptive sense  
14 to allow us to use them. So, they have limited value.

15 MR. McMAHON: Maybe Mr. Carter can send me a brief  
16 email on one of those categories, your Honor, to point out why  
17 that particular characterization is too limited to afford the  
18 9/11 lawyers to say that's the document I want.

19 THE COURT: I'll go further than that. You said that  
20 there was an attempted meet-and-confer but that plaintiffs'  
21 counsel, it appeared to you, didn't have the indices with them.

22 MR. McMAHON: Right.

23 THE COURT: I'm going to direct that there be a  
24 meet-and-confer where both sides have the indices and you can  
25 have a discussion about what they do or don't shed light on.

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1 MR. McMAHON: OK. That would be before our 30(b)(6)?

2 THE COURT: Presumably.

3 MR. McMAHON: Yes.

4 THE COURT: I view the 30(b)(6) as at a very late  
5 stage of this process. Conceivably, if the defendants produced  
6 all the documents they had and convinced the plaintiffs that  
7 that were so, there would be no need for a 30(b)(6) witness as  
8 to the document search. But if we are headed in the direction  
9 of dispositive sanctions, I want there to be a clear record.

10 MR. McMAHON: I understand, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: I'm picking at random parts of the papers.  
12 There is a request for records that relate to the expulsion of  
13 some folks from which office?

14 MR. McMAHON: The expulsion of offices allegedly from  
15 Pakistan. It's based on a newspaper clipping, your Honor. It  
16 refers to Arab charities.

17 THE COURT: But the response is (a) nobody has been  
18 arrested and (b) the conviction was thrown out. There is a lot  
19 of argument on both sides about the merits of this case, which  
20 in terms of discovery is largely irrelevant.

21 MR. McMAHON: There was no conviction, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: That's fine. But the request is not for  
23 records related to the conviction or the arrest of folks in  
24 Pakistan. It's as to the expulsion of one or more people from  
25 Pakistan. It may be that nobody was expelled, but the response

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1 doesn't say that. It talks about the convictions were thrown  
2 out. It talks about nobody was arrested. The response, it  
3 seems to me, is not responsive. There either are or are not  
4 records that relate to the expulsion of officers or employees  
5 from Pakistan.

6 MR. McMAHON: The reference to Arab charities, your  
7 Honor, that's kind of broad. That's what it says. That's the  
8 problem. There could be a ton of Arab charities involved, and  
9 maybe some of them were expelled for whatever reason.

10 THE COURT: Let me get back to that portion of the  
11 letter of plaintiffs. It's page 15 of plaintiffs' letter.

12 MR. McMAHON: It's actually page 9, your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Page 15 of, I'm sorry, your letter says,  
14 and you're quoting from the request, that you haven't produced  
15 any documents related to the expulsion of IIRO personnel from  
16 the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. I suffer because I haven't  
17 read that al-Radhi affirmation, but you're saying that the fact  
18 that that didn't occur is confirmed by the director general's  
19 office stating in a letter that "no employee has so far been  
20 arrested having a link with al-Qaeda, the government of  
21 Pakistan, or any other investigating agency. The office is  
22 running smoothly," etc.

23 The office could be running smoothly, nobody could  
24 have been arrested or had a conviction that was affirmed, and  
25 yet a dozen people could have been expelled. If there were no

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